# **Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes**

March 5, 2014 - 4:00 p.m. Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Members Present: Commissioners Clegg (Chair), Cohen, Ferrara, Heinle, Johnson, Kozak, Peltola,

Rice, Rubenstein, Schwarzkopf

Members Excused: Commissioners Connell, Lickness, Metge, Sandberg

Also Present: Burt Osborne, Assistant City Attorney

#### 1. Roll Call

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

### 2. Adopt Agenda

On a motion by Johnson, seconded, the agenda was adopted. Absent - Connell, Lickness, Metge, Sandberg.

## 3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of February 5, 2014

On a motion by Heinle, seconded, the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2014 were approved.

Absent - Connell, Lickness, Metge, Sandberg.

### 4. Chair's Report

On a motion by Peltola, seconded, the Commission adopted a resolution in remembrance of Commissioner Dolan, honoring her for her service with the Charter Commission, and extending the Commission's condolences to her family, to be drafted by Chair Clegg. Absent - Connell, Lickness, Metge, Sandberg.

Commissioner Ferrara volunteered to represent the Charter Commission at the Community Connection Conference on Saturday, March 22, a city-wide meeting sponsored by the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department to encourage Minneapolis residents to serve on the City's various boards and commissions.

The vacancy created by Commission Dolan's death has been reported to Judge Cahill and the Open Appointments process is being utilized to obtain applications.

Burt Osborne, Assistant City Attorney, reported that a work team had been formed consisting of members from the City Attorney's Office and the City Clerk's Office to determine and draft those items which must be transferred to ordinance prior to the effective date of the Plain Language Charter.

There are two pending charter amendment efforts underway by petition:

- To repeal the 70/30 requirement relating to neighborhood restaurants with beer and wine licenses. Ferrara requested that neighborhood associations be notified if the proposal moves forward.
- To require Minneapolis Police Officers to carry personal liability insurance.

## **Discussion**

5. Filing Fees for Municipal Office: Update on proposed amendment.

Clegg suggested that the Charter Commission hold a public hearing on the proposal to increase filing fees for elective office in order for the Commission to be prepared to put it on the November ballot in the event the City Council does not adopt an increase in the fees on a 13-0 vote.

Casey Carl, City Clerk, outlined the history of the proposed amendment.

On a motion by Ferrara, seconded, the Commission set a public hearing for the April 2, 2014 meeting to begin at 4:30 p.m. (time certain) to receive public comment on the proposed Charter amendment to increase filing fees for municipal office.

Absent - Connell, Lickness, Metge, Sandberg.

## **Public Commentary**

There was no one present wishing to address the Charter Commission.

On a motion by Schwarzkopf, seconded, the meeting was adjourned. Absent - Connell, Lickness, Metge, Sandberg.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Peggy Menshek, Charter Commission Coordinator